

induce hypomanic symptoms and prominent ruminative thinking which can be ameliorated with anti-manic treatment.

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Therapeutic characteristics of patients followed for bipolar disorder with rapid cycles: Study on a Tunisian population.

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Introduction: Bipolar disorder is a frequent and particularly severe psychiatric pathology that causes significant morbidity and mortality. The rapid cycling forms are more severe in terms of their expression, evolutionary course, therapeutic responses and associated comorbidities.

Objectives: The aim of this study is to conduct a descriptive assessment of the therapeutic characteristics in patients with rapid cycling bipolar disorder.

Methods: Our work involved a population of 97 patients followed for bipolar disorder diagnosed according to DSM5 criteria, including 37 patients meeting the specification “with rapid cycles”. The patients were divided into two groups: - Group of patients with bipolar disorder with rapid cycles (TBCR) - Group of patients with bipolar disorder without rapid cycling (TBNCR). We compared the therapeutic features among these two groups.

Results: The dominant polarity was depressive in patients with rapid cycles. They required more mood stabilizers. A greater proportion of them had received treatment with serotonin reuptake inhibitor antidepressants. They were more likely to use hypnotics such as antihistamines and zolpidem.

Conclusions: Rapid cycling TB is a relatively common clinical modality that should be investigated and identified. The use of antidepressants is associated with this course of the disease. Their utilization in the treatment of bipolar depression must be thoughtful and well studied

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Mixed features in depression: frequency and associated factors

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Introduction: Mixed states in mood disorders present significant clinical and prognostic challenges. Although the DSM-5 has broadened diagnostic criteria for mixed states with the development of the ‘mixed features’ specifier and its application to

unipolar depressive disorders, some mixed episodes might still be overlooked.

Objectives: to evaluate the frequency and the factors associated with mixed depression according to the broader Koukopoulos criteria in a sample of patients with a major depressive episode

Methods: We included 99 consecutive patients presenting for a major depressive episode of bipolar (n=10) or unipolar major depressive (n=89) disorder at our outpatient clinic. Major depression was ascertained using SCID- IV criteria, and mixed features were determined using Koukopoulos’ diagnostic criteria

Results: Mean age of the sample was 35.5 years [14-58]. Women accounted for 63.6% of patients. Mixed features were found in 19.5% (n=19) of the sample, 80% (n=8) among patients with bipolar disorders (BD) and 12.3% (n=11) among those with major depressive disorder (MDD). Individuals with mixed features had more substance abuse (p=0.005) and more suicide attempts (p=0.01). Individuals receiving antipsychotics had a lower risk of mixed features (p=0.000) while antidepressant treatment did not have any effect. A family history of BD, psychosis, suicide and substance abuse were found in these patients. Mixed features in depression were more frequent in patients with BD than in MDD.

Conclusions: Our study showed a high frequency of mixed features in depression, especially bipolar depression when Koukopoulos criteria are applied. Special attention should be given to these patients given the association with substance use and suicidality

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Retinal Thickness as a biomarker of cognitive impairment in bipolar disorder.

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Introduction: Ocular Coherence Tomography (OCT) to measure retinal thickness is the current method to observe neurological impairment in neurodegenerative diseases [1] and in mental disorders [2] due to the composition of the retina itself as an anatomic extension of the brain. There can be found some factors to improve the resilience like the years of study.

Objectives: Our aim is to evaluate cognitive and clinical impairment in Bipolar Disorder and see the correlation to the retinal thinning.

Methods: Twenty-seven patients diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder were assessed in the context of the FINEXT programme (3). Selective attention, executive functions and verbal memory were measured among other variables. Using the OCT technique, we measured the thickness of the ppRNFL, the RFNL, GCL and IPL layers in the macula in both eyes through several radial segments. Partial correlations were performed with Bonferroni correction